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During recent Elba City Council meeting

Mayor confirms new restaurant potentially looking to expand to Elba in early Spring

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday night, Jan. 11, Mayor Tom Maddox said rumors continue to circulate around the city regarding Annie's [an Enterprise-based restaurant] opening a location in Elba.

The mayor confirmed that is still a work in progress and said he had a lunch planned to discuss it further with the owners.

"If the wheels don't come off the bus, maybe [the restaurant] will open in early Spring," Maddox said.

The mayor also informed council members of a potential task force being put together to look into getting more providers on board for the county to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to citizens. He said there are some requirements to be met in order to be able to administer the vaccine, adding a meeting was scheduled for late last week to discuss this

option further.

Also, during the meeting, the mayor said there would need to be a meeting soon to "discuss water and sewer rates" for the city. He did not have a timeframe set for this meeting, but he said he just wanted to mention it to council members so they could be ready when the time does arrive.

Fire chief Drew Parker addressed the council during the meeting to discuss a matter that could potentially generate more revenue for the fire department.

"I'm here tonight to speak on the possibility of entering into a third party contract about doing some fire department cost recovery," Parker said.

The chief said there is actually cost built into insurance policies for a certain amount to be reimbursed to fire departments for expenses incurred when the department responds to an incident. He said he had been doing a little bit

of this cost recovery, on a small scale, for the department in the past; however, he said there is much more potentially available to the department that his time did not allow for the necessary research, etc. to get the monies.

Parker said there are companies that specialize in these matters, and he had located one that would do the research and recover the monies for the department. He said this company would pull the information needed from the fire department's record management system, and then would begin working on the recovery process for the funds.

"They would give us a step-by-step update on the process," Parker said. "From the billing to when the monies are collected, and payment is made to the department."

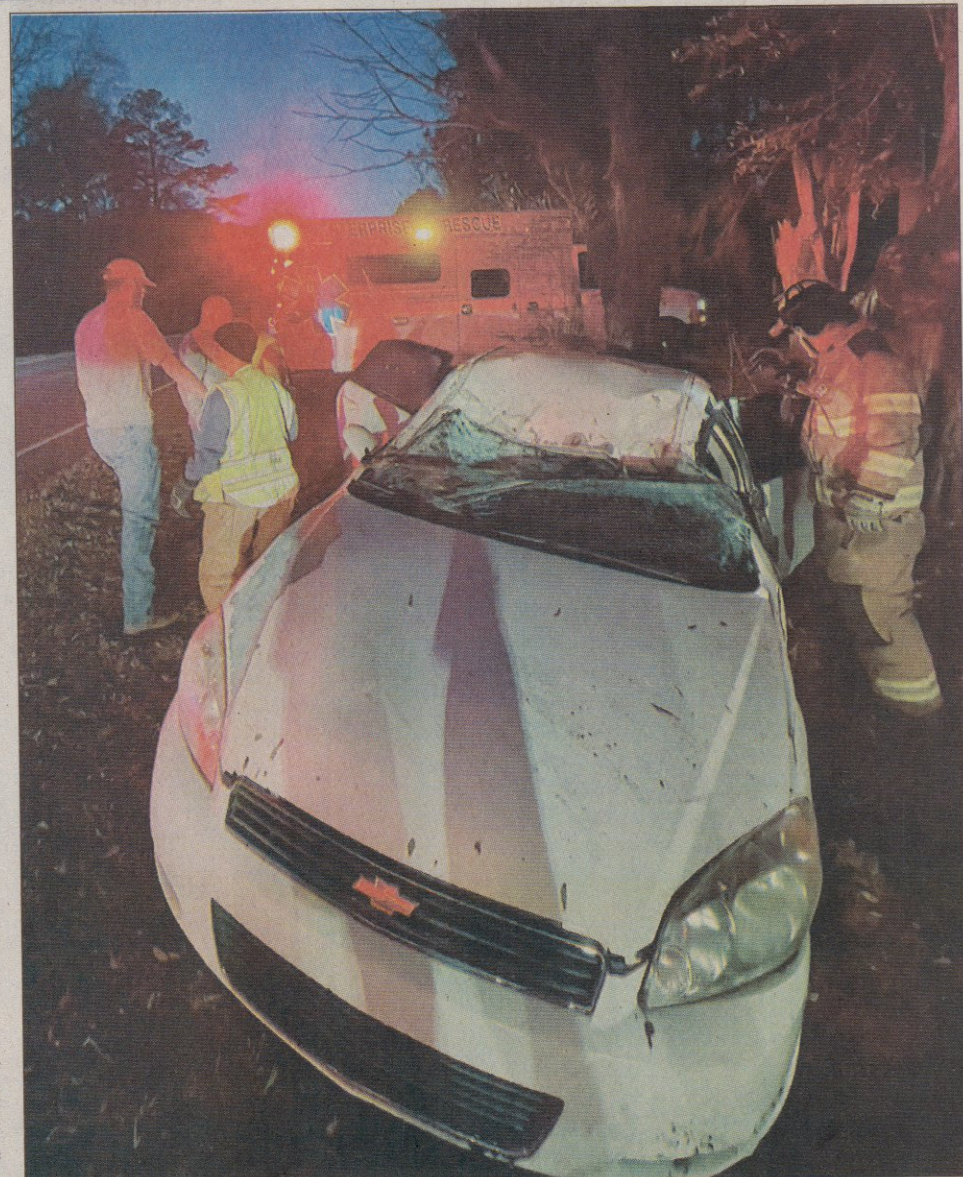
Parker said he had checked with some other departments utilizing this company's services, and he said they all seem to be pleased with the return the program provides them.

In order to proceed with the company, Chief Parker said the city would need to pass an ordinance for the services. He presented a suggested ordinance to the council for review, to include a review by legal counsel, prior to voting on the matter.

Parker said the company had peeked at the Elba department's past incident response records, and he said representatives of the recovery company said they felt they could get up to \$30,000 annually in recovery costs for the fire department.

Parker said the additional funds, whatever can be recovered, would be another way to keep the department's equipment up-to-

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ELBA FIRST RESPONDERS ADMINISTER AID AT SINGLE VEHICLE ACCIDENT...First responders in Elba were dispatched to a single vehicle accident Thursday evening, Jan. 14, at 5:16 p.m. The accident was by the residence of 1458 Hwy. 166, approximately one mile from Danley's Crossroads. Reportedly, the vehicle overturned and hit a tree after the driver lost control. The driver and occupants of the vehicle from the Geneva, Ala. area, were checked over by personnel from Enterprise Rescue at the scene, and it appeared all were okay. Also responding to the accident were members of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department and Elba Police. (photo by Drew Mack, EFD)

ADPH reports over 6,000 deaths in Alabama attributed to COVID-19 as of mid-January 2021

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) reported Friday, Jan. 15, there had been 417,528 cases and 6,030 deaths due to COVID-19 in Alabama since tracking of the illness began in March 2020. As of last Friday, 130,394 doses of COVID-19 vaccine had been administered in Alabama. A total of 370,575 doses of the 640,150 doses allocated to Alabama had been delivered.

Increase in COVID-19 cases forced grades 7-12 at Zion Chapel to move to one-week virtual instruction setting

A dramatic increase in the number of COVID-19 cases within the Coffee County School System forced administrators last week to place grades 7-12 at Zion Chapel on a one-week virtual instruction setting. "The total number of cases since returning to school on Wednesday, Jan. 6, now stands at 34 [for the entire system]," superintendent Kevin Killingsworth said earlier this week. "This total is nearly triple any previous week since the start of school on August 10."

Killingsworth's COVID-19 briefing was released Wednesday, Jan. 13, and at that time, he said Kinston School had two faculty cases, New Brockton High School had four student cases and one faculty case, New Brockton Elementary School had two student cases, and Zion Chapel School had 19 student cases and six faculty cases.

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Area Happenings

ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 WILL HOST A HISTORICAL MARKER UNVEILING Saturday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m. in downtown Elba. The public portions of the event will begin at the Coffee County Courthouse lawn near the cornerstone. Once the crowd has gathered there will be a Masonic March with state and local dignitaries. The march route will go past the Inland store and the Elba Chamber of Commerce building, ending at the marker dedication site located on the corner of Claxton Avenue and Davis Street (vacant lot across from the Elba United Methodist Church).

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Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker addressed the Elba City Council during the Monday evening, Jan. 11, meeting to discuss potentially entering into a contract with a cost recovery company for the department. Parker said the company would collect funds potentially due to the department for expenses incurred responding to fires/wrecks, etc.

Ribeye steak sandwich plates on sale now!

Annual Elba baseball fundraiser set for Feb. 6th

The Elba High School baseball program kicks off the season each year in a unique and fun way, and this year will be no different as the annual Old-Timers vs Rookies Hit-A-Thon and Game event is set for Saturday, Feb. 6, at the baseball field on Elba High School's campus.

This is a family event for all ages, and anyone not in school can enter the Old Timers Hit-A-Thon. A fundraiser for the baseball program, there is an entry fee of \$25, and each participant is given 15 swings. Prizes will be awarded for longest hit and most hits.

Registration for the Old-Timers Hit-A-Thon begins at 9:30 a.m. with the event slated to start at 10 a.m.

There will be a lunch break at 12 noon, and tickets are on sale now for a ribeye steak sandwich plate with chips and dessert. These plates are \$10, and anyone can purchase a plate [to eat there or to take home].

If interested in purchasing a ribeye steak plate, contact any junior varsity or varsity baseball player today. Pick-up plates will be available from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Following lunch, the always entertaining Old-



The annual Old-Timers vs Rookies Hit-A-Thon and Game have become favorites each year for the Elba High School baseball program. There are lots of laughs and even more 'smack talk' between the old timers and rookies to keep everyone entertained. Add in a ribeye steak sandwich for lunch, and it is a perfect way to spend a Saturday at the ballpark! Above, 'old-timer' Chance Johnson gave it his best swing during the hit-a-thon last year.

Timers vs. Rookies baseball game will begin at 1 p.m. [Times are estimates and depend on the number of participants].

Make plans now to enjoy some baseball fun Saturday, Feb. 6, while also helping to support the Elba High School Baseball program.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools." – Martin Luther King Jr.

Cognitive dissonance is just holding two views that in some way contradict one another. Hypocrisy is claiming to believe one thing but actually believing and/or doing something contradictory - usually consistently rather than just once. It is not unusual for public officials to be accused of one or both of the above. It is not hard to recognize either of these traits. An example of Cognitive Dissonance is our conflicting emotions on the ongoing congressional impeachment proceeding against Donald Trump. Thus, it is easier for us to overlook in others than the hypocrisy. In our thinking hypocrisy is insulting to the intelligence of all who are listening and/or observing the verbal banner and the conflicting actions. Yet lots of folks, especially politicians, practice it daily. Our thinking is that they do it to win elections. It is worse in today's world than it was a hundred years ago. In today's world they have pollsters to tell them exactly what the voters want to hear and boom we have another case of full-blown hypocrisy from both the ultimate winner and the also ran candidates.

Last week our brain exploded with a "Oh No" reaction to news reports of newly elected U. S. Senator Tommy Tuberville suggesting the United States "postpone inaugurating president-elect Joe Biden until COVID-19 subsided." We anguished that here was a leader of our country who doesn't understand (or know about) the U. S. Constitution. Well, there is 'the rest of the story.' The news media screwed up. (Can you believe that?) What Tuberville actually said was this (as recorded by more than one person): "We probably could have had the swearing-in and done an inauguration a little later on after we got this virus behind us a little bit." In other words, he was suggesting that Biden take the oath of office at the designated time and then America could celebrate the event at a later date when the virus danger had subsided. Unfortunately for every ten people who saw or heard the first blurb only one or two will see or hear the correct version. It is regrettable but he is not the first political office holder to be falsely tarnished with misquotes. People are still misquoting many others, including Abe Lincoln.

Prior to the November elections it was not unusual to hear folks predicting that COVID-19 would disappear as soon as the elections were over. WELL the elections are over and yet the infection and death rates are ballooning all around the world. A few of those naysayers have been hit hard (and even died) from the virus. Hopefully no one wished that tragic occurrence on a fellow human being, but we can all salute those disbelievers who ultimately caught COVID and publicly said *"I was wrong."*

About 40% of Americans will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime, and the risk increases with age. Cancer is the leading cause of death for middle-aged Americans and two to three times more likely to kill someone in their 50s or 60s than even COVID-19. A recent report notes breast cancer is growing by 0.5% annually. Liver cancer is also on the rise. Yet overall cancer death rates are falling at an accelerating pace, from about a 1% decline annually in the 1990s to 1.5% in the 2000s and early 2010s to 2.3% from 2016 to 2018. The country is experiencing five-year survival rates for prostate (98%), melanoma (93%), and breast (90%) cancers. Lung cancer (21%) is usually caught later due to poor diagnostics, but mortality has still declined by about 5% annually from 2014 to 2018. More testing, medical advances and lifestyle changes combine to make these successes a reality.

Be Safe -Wear your mask, social distance and wash your hands - again!

ADPH

Priority access to vaccine cannot be granted to other groups of people yet as ADPH follows the recommendations of the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for the allocation of this limited supply.

While trying to address the needs of Alabamians in the currently identified groups, ADPH continues working to improve COVID-19 vaccine scheduling capabilities by creating an online registration portal in addition to its extremely busy toll-free hotline.

ADPH requests that the public not call this appointment line to schedule a vaccine UNLESS they are in an eligible group - healthcare workers, people age 75 and

older, law enforcement officers or firefighters.

The toll-free COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Hotline number is 1-855-566-5333. For general information about COVID-19, including locations where testing is available, call the COVID-19 Information Hotline number at 1-800-270-7268.

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Pre-Registration underway for Elba Elementary's "FIRST CLASS PRE-K" program from the Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education

Alabama's nationally recognized First Class Pre-K is preparing for another exciting school year [2021-2022], and Elba Elementary School is among those encouraging parents to pre-register their qualifying child now!

Online pre-registration for applications began Friday, Jan. 15, and will continue until Friday, March 26, for the 2021-2022 school year [for assistance in Elba with accessing the online application, contact Elba Elementary School].

Enrollment is open to all children four years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2021 who are residents of the state of Alabama. Children

eligible for kindergarten are not eligible for this program.

Enrollees must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate [may be uploaded into the online pre-registration site or submitted directly to the Elba City Schools program]. Enrollees must provide proof of residence - either a current utility bill or copy of a lease or mortgage [also may be uploaded online].

No registration fee for this program. Upon enrollment, child's immunization record must be provided.

No child will be denied participation on basis of income, sex, race, color, national origin, or disability.

Acceptance is strictly through random drawing to be held March 26 at Elba Elementary School at 9 a.m. The parent/guardian does not have to be present at drawing. Notices will be emailed beginning April 16th.

For more information,

Enterprise Career Center to host Pilgrim's Job Fair on Jan. 26th

The Enterprise Career Center will host a Pilgrim's Job Fair on Tuesday, Jan. 26, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Career Center, located at 2021 Boll Weevil Circle in Enterprise, Ala.

Pilgrim's is hiring for first shift which pays \$12 per hour, 3rd shift which pays \$13 per hour, and is offering a signing bonus. The event is free and open to all jobseekers.

A representative will be

there with paper applications, but job seekers can apply online any time at [PILGRIMSUSA.COM/CAREERS](https://pilgrimsusa.com/CAREERS).

Safety protocols will be in place. Masks are required.

For more information about the Pilgrim's Job Fair, contact the Enterprise Career Center at 334.347.0044 or Enterprise@alcc.alabama.gov.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2020, and Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Jan. 12 - Suspicious circumstances reported at 640 Reynolds Ave (6:08 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 435 Newton St (11:05 a.m.); Identity theft reported to EPD (3:15 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 304 Simmons St (3:59 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1133 Neil Grantham Dr (4:38 p.m.); Noise complaint reported on Ann St - an arrest was made (8:14 p.m.); Noise complaint reported on Adkinson Ave (11:08 p.m.). There were three traffic stops reported on this date resulting in one assistance rendered.

one advice given, and one warning issued.

Wednesday, Jan. 13 - Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle reported at 14621 Hwy 84 (8:43 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 435 Reese Ave (10:33 a.m.); Harassment reported at 312 Simmons St - an arrest was made (11:14 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 702 Newton St (1:26 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Martin Luther King Dr (5:20 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date resulting in one verbal warning, and one report.

Thursday, Jan. 14 - Suspicious vehicle reported on Hwy 84 (4:59 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at Davis St and Brunson Circle (6:25 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 242 Dr. Roberts Dr (12:55 p.m.); Harassment reported at 611 Claxton Ave N (1:40 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1019 Garrett St (3:08 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1458 Hwy 166 (5:16 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (8:01 p.m.); Harassment reported at 219 Davis St E (8:16 p.m.). There were nine traffic stops reported on this date resulting in three verbal warnings, two written warnings, two reports, one arrest, and one citation issued.

Friday, Jan. 15 - Vehicle fire reported at Hwy 84 and the Troy Hwy (9:32 a.m.); Burglary reported on Brunson Circle (10:58 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 706 Newton St (11:53 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 715 Reese Ave (4:57 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported on this date.

Saturday, Jan. 16 - Harassing communications reported at 94 County Rd 263 (1:26 a.m.); Prowler on Reese Ave (2:14 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 192 Larkin Rd (2:19 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (3:21 a.m.); Gunshot victim reported at 413 Adkinson Ave (12:28 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 S - verbal warning (2:14 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in two written warnings, and one verbal warning.

Sunday, Jan. 17 - Theft of property reported at 1113 Oak Ave (5:06 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (9:59 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Dixon St (10:09 a.m.); Burglary reported on Buford St (1:06 p.m.); Burglary reported to EPD (3:56 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a written warning issued.

Monday, Jan. 18 - Theft of property reported at 139 Riverview Dr (10:27 a.m.).



A member of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department is shown working to extinguish a recent brush fire the department was dispatched to off of Alabama Hwy. 125.

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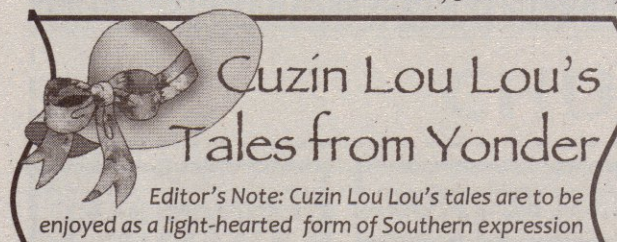
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Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Oh boy! As of mid-week last week, there is a new traffic pattern in one area of Yonder, and that has brought about some interesting sights for the past week.

The road construction crews finally opened up the last leg of the highway project that had been in progress for what seems like forever. The sort of opened it up without a good warning too, and that caused the adventures to begin immediately.

Personally, Cuzin Lou Lou thinks there should have been a little more prep work completed at the traffic light intersection in this area, but someone forgot to ask her prior to making the decision to drop the green flag!

The folks traveling south through said intersection have the same lights [left turn arrow followed by green light with left turn yield] as the folks traveling north through the intersection. However, the folks traveling south have been at a disadvantage due to this intersection not being completed on their side of the road...you see, these travelers only have one lane to choose [no left turn lane and going straight lane to divide the traffic] while the northbound folks have both a turning lane and go straight lane to pick.

In a calm society, this might work out okay while the road crews finalize their repaving and restriping efforts in the area. But, Cuzin Lou Lou long ago determined that we no longer live in a calm society...we live in a impatient society. Folks do not take the time to smell the roses and offer common courtesy to their fellow man. Nope! It's a get 'er done and don't get in my way while I'm trying to get 'er done society [otherwise, you'll get ran slap over]!

Upon seeing the 'unfinished' intersection, Sister immediately announced to Lou Lou that she would be taking the long way around to avoid that intersection until the work was completed. So...even she could smell the mess on deck.

The opening of the new four-lane traffic going east and west [well, actually three until the repaving/restriping of the west bound side is completed] happened close to mid-day last Wednesday. By Thursday morning, Lou Lou witnessed exactly what she expected 'at the light' headed south. The first vehicle waiting on the light in the southbound lane planned to proceed straight while the vehicle behind it wanted to turn. Lou Lou was the third vehicle in line, and therefore, had the best seat in the house to witness what was about to happen!

Light changes to the left turn arrow, and vehicle one sits still [as it should have considering the intention there was to go straight through the intersection]. Well, vehicle two wanted

to turn, and the driver was none too happy that vehicle one was in his/her way. So, he/she proceeded to express his/her displeasure by constantly honking the horn at driver of vehicle one repeatedly until the light changed once again to the proceed forward green light.

Guess what...when the light changed to the proceed forward green, vehicle one moved, and vehicle two was still able to make it's intended turn [even if the driver had to wait about 30 seconds longer].

Fast forward a few days, and Lou Lou is the one sitting first at the same light. She sees a truck pulling a trailer approach and sure enough that left turn signal goes on.

"Here we go," she says to herself.

Light turns to the left turn arrow. Lou Lou sits still - she has no turn signal applied to her vehicle indicating she plans to go straight.

Wait a few seconds...yep. Honk! Honk!

Lou Lou's reaction was to simply raise her right arm to the middle and very emphatically extend it straight motioning to the driver in the truck behind her that she intended to go straight as soon as the light changed to allow it! He stopped blowing the horn! Light changed pretty quickly thereafter, and everyone went about their merry way!

Lou Lou came to two conclusions after this incident. Number One: people have no patience! Number Two: if more people understood the proper use of turn signals on vehicles [and actually used them properly] many road rage issues could be avoided!

A final thought is...if a little more work had been applied to this intersection prior to opening the new four-lane road going east/west [so that both the north and south bound lanes had a turn lane and go straight lane] far fewer ugly words would have been uttered over the past week in said intersection!! But...as Lou Lou said earlier, no one asked for her opinion prior to making the changes. So, instead...she'll keep using that right arm to indicate "I'm going STRAIGHT" to any and all that blow the horn at her; otherwise, she will have her turn signal applied!

Really do 'be careful' if you are traveling in this area! While Lou Lou has made fun of it some with this tale, it can be dangerous if a driver messes up due to the traffic pattern still being relatively new. Lou Lou does not wish a wreck on anyone...so, let's all exercise a little more patience in this area and be cautious.

Lou Lou did notice the repaving process was well underway earlier this week, so, maybe all will be better soon.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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date through the additional funds.

Council members agreed to research this and possibly vote on the ordinance at the Jan. 25th meeting, legal counsel agreed all matters were in order for a vote.

Another matter approved by the council members during the Jan. 11th meeting included approval for an advertisement sign [billboard] to be erected off the Hwy 203 bypass/U.S. Hwy 84 intersection near Beaver Dam Apartments. Code enforcement officer Bryson Dear said all items submitted to him for this matter met regulation, and he recommended the council approve the request.

The next Elba City Council meeting is set for Monday, Jan. 25, at 5:30 p.m. The Elba Water and Electric Board is scheduled to conduct its monthly meeting immediately following the Elba City Council meeting. Both meetings will be held at Elba City Hall.

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James Brown said echoing Killingsworth's remarks. "When we don't do these things and more people contract this more schools will have to go to virtual instruction."

Killingsworth said his goal remains to have students on campus in a classroom receiving face-to-face instruction with their teachers; however, he said the only way this can continue is for all protocols regarding COVID-19 to be followed.

"I realize that following these protocols is wearing thin on the patience of most, but they must be adhered to in order to keep moving forward."

The Elba Board of Education met Tuesday night, Jan. 19, for the regular monthly board meeting. Look for details from that meeting in next week's edition of The Elba Clipper!

JAMES RICHARD HENDERSON SR.

Mr. James Richard Henderson Sr., age 78, a resident of Coffee Springs, Ala., died Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021, at Brookdale Assisted Living in Niceville, Fla.



Jim was born in Washington, D.C., to the late Claude Lawrence and Della Mae Henderson. An American Veteran, he dedicated 28 years of military service to the United States Air Force. During his time in service Jim met Sarah, his wife for 27 years.

Graveside service and burial with Military Rites were conducted Jan. 15, 2021 at Wise Mill Assembly of God Church Cemetery, Elba, Ala., under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home Rev. Joe Ward officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to St. Jude Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

He was preceded in death by his wife and parents.

Survivors include a daughter and son: Kimberly (Stan) Sisk, and James (Christina) Henderson Jr.; granddaughters: Kayla (David) Williams, Courtney (Travis) Mills, Kelsey Sisk and Aureli Henderson; grandsons: Jonathan and Joseph Henderson; six great-grandchildren: Jackson, Leighton, Nolan and Fletcher Williams and Charlotte and Lillian Mills; one sister: Dorothy H. (the late Chester) Allen; and two brothers: Claude L. (Sherri) Henderson Jr. and Robert "Bob" (Vicky) Henderson.

Charles Ronald Pridgen Mr. Charles Ronald Pridgen, age 70, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021, at Sacred Heart Hospital Emerald Coast in Destin, Fla. Graveside services were held Jan. 18, 2021 from Zoar Community Cemetery with Rev. Syble Randall officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directed the services.

CHARLES RONALD PRIDGEN

Survivors include his wife:



Brenda Kay Pridgen, Elba; son: Daniel Pridgen, Elba; daughters: Ronda Sasser and Arleen Brunson, both of Elba; stepsons: Heath Vaughan and Hayes Vaughan, both of Elba; stepdaughter: Heather (Patrick) Hancock, Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.; sister: Bobbie Winters, Wetumpka, Ala.; nine grandchildren.

PAUL L. ENGLISH SR.

LTC Paul L. English Sr. died Monday, Jan. 11, 2021, at the Elba Nursing Home and Rehab Center, Elba, Ala., two days after his 92nd birthday.

He will be laid to rest Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021 with Military Honors in a private burial service at the National Cemetery, Montevallo, Ala., with Heritage Chapel Funeral Home & Cremations directing. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to Andrews Chapel United Methodist Church, 14192 Keenes Mill Road, Cottondale, AL 35453; or The Fisher House Foundation, which builds comfort homes where military and Veteran's families can stay free of charge while a loved one is in the hospital.

Paul was born in New Orleans, La., Jan. 9, 1929 to Lucius L. "Luke" English and Aliene Paul English, but grew up in and always called Elba his home. He graduated from Elba High School in 1947 and after a short stint in the U.S. Merchant Marines, he entered the University of Alabama. In 1950 he married Tuscaloosa native Marianne Hughes,



a fellow student and the love of his life. In 1952, with the Korean conflict still smoldering, the Army called Paul thus beginning a distinguished military career spanning more than 22 years, which would take him and his family all over the U.S. and the world. In 1974 Paul retired from active duty. His service record includes a number of awards and decorations, including The Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star, but the award he always wore most proudly was the Combat Infantry Badge earned while serving as an advisor to the ARVN in the Mekong delta area of Vietnam, in 1963-64. After retirement, Paul moved his family to Cottondale Alabama. He reentered the University of Alabama, earning a BA and MA. He and Marianne opened English Photography in 1977. For the next 25 years they documented weddings, social events and youth sports activities in the Tuscaloosa area. Paul was preceded in death by Marianne, his wife of 67 years; a daughter, Mary Elaine English; and a brother, Hugh Warren English.

Survivors include his sister: Linda English-Holland, Ocala, Fla.; sons: COL (Ret) Paul L. English Jr. (Michelle), and Dr. Jeffrey H. English (Elizabeth); grandchildren: Keith English (Tiffany), Luke English, David English, Anne-Marie Poland (Russell), 1LT Michael English (Tabby), and Lauren Marcilliat (Kevin); and 11 great-grandchildren.

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The Family of Edna Sue Stinson
expresses a collective thanks to the many friends who expressed their condolences to us following Edna Sue's recent death. Your thoughts, prayers, visits, and other generous acts of kindness will forever hold a treasured place in our hearts. May God bless each of you!
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PUBLIC NOTICE:

The Evergreen Cemetery Board of Directors is currently seeking bids for the lawn care and maintenance for the upcoming 2021 mowing season. All interested contractors are encouraged to go by Elba City Hall to pick up a packet containing information and requirements to successfully submit a bid for this annual contract. All bids are required to be turned into Elba City Hall no later than 5:00 p.m. February 5, 2021. The Evergreen Cemetery Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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"Notice is hereby given that Catrett Construction, Inc., P.O. Box 125, Opp, AL 36467 has completed all work on Elba Theatre Restoration, CDBG Project No. LR-CM-PF-18-020 for the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama." All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named Contractor and Sally Bane, City Clerk, 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama 36323. All claims should be filed within 30 days of the final publication of this notice.

1-14/21,28, 2-4-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA Elba Division

IN RE: The estate of PEGGY PAULINE COMPTON, Deceased

CASE NO: PC-2020-081

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to THOMAS J COMPTON, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Peggy Pauline Compton, deceased, on the 29th day of November, 2020, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Gary D. Bradshaw
Gary D. Bradshaw (BRA074)
Attorney for Petitioner
P. O. Box 311412
Enterprise, AL 36331-1412
(334) 393-6439 / (334) 393-

7163 fax
1/14,21,28-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA Elba Division

IN RE: The estate of WALTER EDMUND COMPTON, Deceased

CASE NO: PC-2020-080

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to THOMAS J COMPTON, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Walter Edmund Compton, deceased, on the 25th day of November, 2020, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE RE: THE ESTATE OF WANDA WYNELL DONALDSON Deceased

CASE NO: PC-2020-068

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted, the 5th day of January, 2021, to Jack Merle Smith, Jr., as Executor of the Estate of Wanda Wynell Donaldson, Deceased, who departed this life on the 11th day of July, 2020, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jack Merle Smith, Jr.
Jack Merle Smith, Jr.,
Executor of the Estate of Wanda Wynell Donaldson, Deceased
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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

1/21/2021

Coffee County Commission
2 County Complex
1065 East McKinnon Street
New Brockton, AL 36351
(334) 894-5556

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Coffee County Commission.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 2/9/2021 the Coffee County Commission will submit a request to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for the release of CDBG funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383), to undertake a project known as Coffee County ED Water and Sewer Project for the purpose of water system improvements along South John Street and sewer system improvements along South John Street, Ainsley Street, and King Street estimated at a total cost of \$984,050 in New Brockton, Alabama.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Coffee County Commission has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Coffee County Commission offices located at 1065 East McKinnon Street, 2 County Complex, New Brockton, Alabama and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 AM to 4 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Coffee County Commission. All comments received by 2/5/2021 will be considered by the Coffee County Commission prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Coffee County Commission certifies to ADECA that Dean Smith in their capacity as Chairman consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. ADECA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Coffee County Commission

to use Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RE-LEASE OF FUNDS

ADECA will accept objections to its release of funds and the Coffee County Commission certification for a period of 15-days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or the Coffee County Commission; (b) the Coffee County Commission has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds; incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR part 58 before approval of a Release of Funds by ADECA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the State at: Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Community and Economic Development Division, PO Box 5690, Montgomery, AL 36103. Potential objectors should contact ADECA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Dean Smith, Chairman

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson got back in the swing of things last week after a long holiday break, but after years of stopping by the store with his Nanny every morning for a bacon biscuit has had a change in taste and now insists on a pancake and bacon platter. If breakfast really is the most important meal of the day, he has his priorities all in line.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers snapped* a season long victory drought last week with an exciting 50-46 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. The Tigers used their frustrations to disrupt the Kinston offense and the result was countless turnovers that helped the Tigers post the win. Elba still has some tough games on the schedule before the area tournament, but now that they know they can win, look out!

*** *The Elba Lady Tigers bounced back* from an early week loss to area foe G.W. Long to post impressive wins over Arifton and Kinston. The Lady Tigers were out of sync in the loss to Long, but by late in the week had everything back under control and got back on a roll.

*** *The high school basketball season* is approaching the finish line and while there are still several area games left to be played, the favorites in the various areas are easy to see. In Class 2A, G.W. Long and Arifton are clear cut favorites in boys play, while over with the girls G.W. Long and Elba appear to be the top teams heading into tournament play. Up in 3A, Opp and Pike County appear to have smooth sailing in boys action, while as for the girls, it's a little harder to figure out since New Brockton has yet to win a game, Opp has only one win and Pike County and Goshen have only played three games, each, due to various virus related issues. It gets a little more interesting in the 1A ranks, where Florala and Kinston sit atop the boys standings, with Samson and either Florala or Pleasant Home bringing up the number two spot. In the other 1A area, Brantley and Georgiana are shoe ins in boys play, while with the girls it is more of the same, with Red Level a possible dark horse. The season starts all over once the tournaments start; however, and there are always surprises.

*** *All Alabama Crimson Tide fans are still excited* about last week's big win over Ohio State, but the news late in the week didn't do anything to add to the excitement as a number of players and coaches announced their exits from the program. It was pretty much understood that Heisman trophy winner Devonta Smith, unanimous All-American defensive back Patrick Surtain and record-setting quarterback Mac Jones would head to the NFL, but the departure of redshirt sophomore Christian Barmore and the injury plagued duo of Jaylyn Waddle and Dylan Moses was hoped to be a year away. Coach Nick Saban stated it was the university's job to help the players make the best business decision, and he seemed content that the exiting players were making the right decisions. It also looks like the Crimson Tide will be hunting a number of coaches, since at least six have announced they are heading out and others may follow in the days ahead. The early departure of the players has become an annual event and is at least partially negated by signing the nation's top recruiting classes, while Saban has also been very successful replacing coaches. The Tide fans just have to believe he will once again do what is best and come out on top in all his choices.

*** *ESPN released its annual 'Power Rankings'* for college football last week and while I have to agree on the top three for the 2020 season in #1 Alabama, #2 Ohio State and #3 Clemson, there are many others that made the list I can't agree with. I personally think #4 Texas A & M was the most over-rated team in the nation, while #5 Notre Dame has proven over and over again that it can't win the big one, and #8 Cincinnati isn't even in the same class with most of the teams in the SEC, ACC or even the Big Ten. Other teams in the poll that had no business in the rankings and aren't really major college teams included #11 Coastal Carolina, #12 BYU, #13 Liberty, #14 Louisiana, #20 Ball State, #22 Buffalo and #23 San Jose State. I think it is past time for the teams in the Power Five conferences to leave the NCAA in all sports and to form their own college sports dynasty, make their own rules and make their own money. I guess that is a subject for another day.

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Tigers knock off Kinston 50-46

The Elba Tigers hit only 6 of 17 free throw opportunities in the fourth quarter, but all six came in the final two minutes of the contest as the Tigers defeated the Kinston Bulldogs 50-46, Friday night in Elba.

Kinston grabbed an early 4-0 lead in the first quarter after a 3-pointer by Trip Hawthorne, but Elba battled back and sparked by Collin Harrison scored six straight points to take a 6-4 lead midway through the stanza. The lead see-sawed back and forth for the remainder of the quarter, and when Hawthorne hit a short jumper at the buzzer the Bulldogs and Tigers were tied at 11-11.

Hawthorne added two 3-pointers early in the second quarter to spark an 8-0 Bulldog rally that put Kinston on top 19-11. However, Elba closed the stanza with a rush and led by Collin Harrison scored the final ten points of the half to go in at intermission with a slim 21-19 advantage.

The Tigers went up by eight midway through the third quarter at 29-21 on a driving lay-up by Harrison, but Kinston's Cale Sumblin scored six quick points to spark a 9-0 run that Bulldogs back on top 30-29 with 2:49 left in the stanza, and the Bulldogs were still on top 35-33 heading into the final stanza.

Elba moved back in front at 38-36 early in the fourth quarter on a basket by Chrystyle Caldwell, and upped its lead to 40-36 when Iverson Lane converted a steal into a basket. Kinston pulled within 45-44 with 1:26 left on the clock on a three-point play by Cale Sumblin. However, the Tigers stretched their lead to 50-44 in the final minute on a pair of free throws by Byron Burks and held on to claim the exciting 50-46 win.

Collin Harrison scored 19 points and Kindarius Hill added 11 to lead Elba, while Cale Sumblin led Kinston with 17 points.

Elba (50): Hill 11, Lane 2, Burks 6, Harrison 19, Prince 2, Coleman 1, Caldwell 9.

Kinston (46): Hawthorne 12, Senn 2, Patterson 2, Hall 8, Sumblin 17, Wallace 6, Crosby 1.

High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Thursday, Jan. 21

Opp at New Brockton
Georgiana at Brantley

Friday, Jan. 22

Zion Chapel at Elba
New Brockton at Goshen
Opp at Kinston

Saturday, Jan. 23

Highland Home at Brantley

Monday, Jan. 25

Arifton at Elba

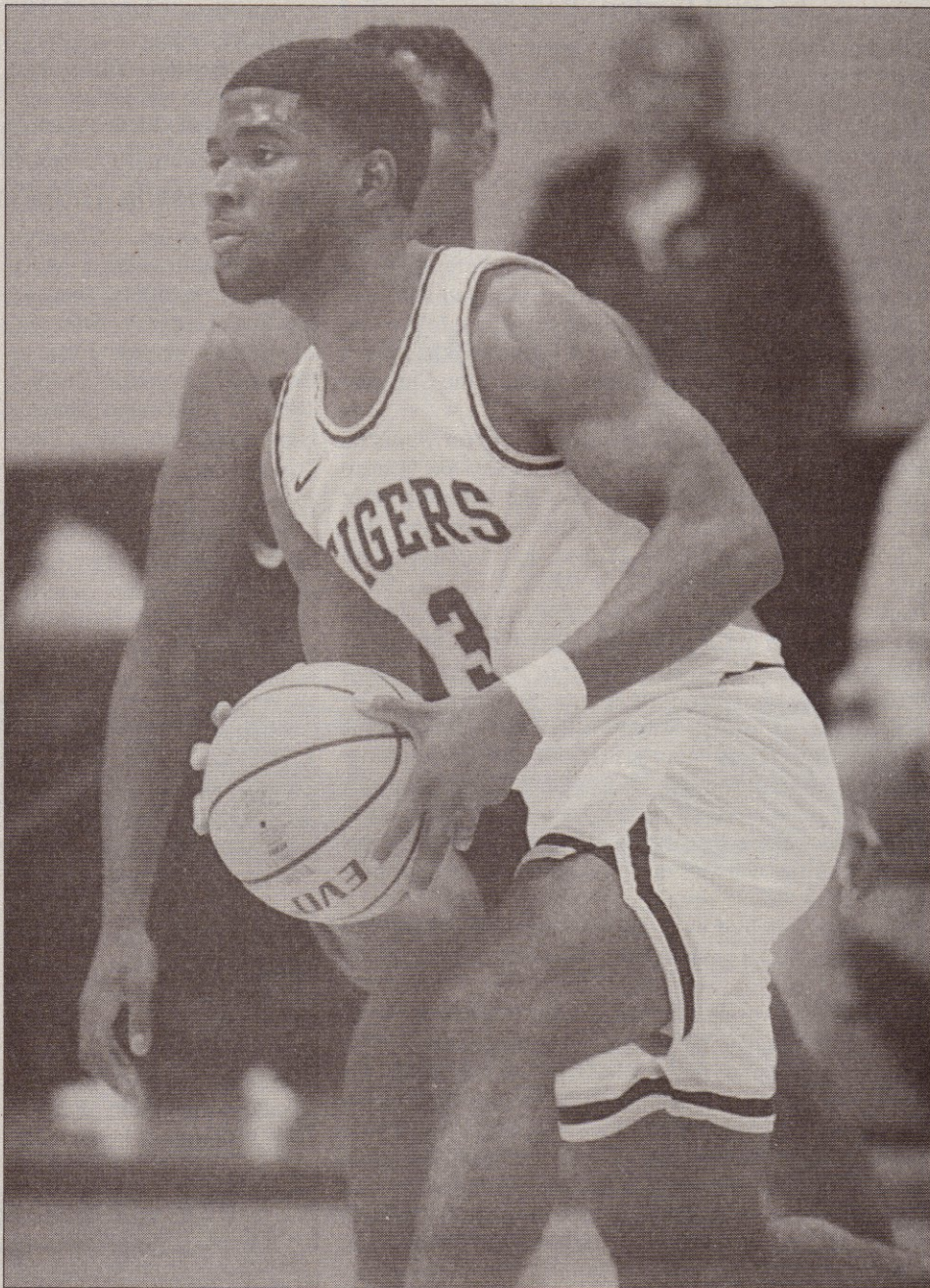
Tuesday, Jan. 26

Andalusia at Elba
Arifton at New Brockton
Kinston at Florala

Thursday, Jan. 28

Houston Academy at Elba
New Brockton at Samson
Brantley at Georgiana

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you cheer,
even with the
masks on!"*



Elba Tiger Collin Harrison (3) scored 19 points Friday night to help the Tigers defeat the Kinston Bulldogs 50-46 in a cross-county clash, in Elba.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

Elba tripped up by G.W. Long 62-31

The Elba Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in a lopsided 62-31 area loss to the G.W. Long Rebels, last Tuesday night in Elba.

Elba went almost five minutes without a basket before Chrystyle Caldwell banked in a short jumper with 3:14 left in the opening quarter, and it was the only points the Tigers could muster in the stanza as G.W. Long opened up an 11-2 lead. Collin Harrison

nailed a long 3-pointer early in the second quarter to pull the Tigers within 13-5; however, the Rebels scored the game's next 18 points to take a 31-5 lead late in the quarter and carried a 36-12 lead in at intermission.

Elba knocked down a total of five 3-pointers in the second half, but never really found its touch on the offensive end of the court and was outscored in both the third and fourth

quarters as G.W. Long handed the Tigers the 62-31 area loss.

Collin Harrison scored 14 points to lead Elba, while Kobie Stringer scored 20 points and Hunter Whitehead added 16 to lead the Rebels.

G.W. Long (62): Dasinger 8, Stringer 20, Roberts 10, Whitehead 16, McDaniel 4, Chance 8.

Elba (31): Burks 6, Harrison 14, Prince 3, Caldwell 8.

Elba clawed by Purple Cats 54-36

The Elba Tigers fell behind big in the first half and never recovered in a 54-36 road loss to the Arifton Purple Cats, Thursday night in an area clash in Arifton.

Elba had a hard time getting its shots to drop in the first half as Arifton raced out to a 31-10 halftime advantage, and while the Tigers did hit 8 of 12 free throws in the second half, they never really got back in the game as the Purple Cats posted the 54-36 area win.

Collin Harrison and Chrystyle Caldwell both scored 9 points in the second half to lead Elba, while Ian Senn scored 22 points and Hayes Floyd added 13 for Arifton.

Arifton (54): Senn 22, Johnson 9, Danzy 2, Floyd 13, Tyler 8.

Elba (36): Lane 2, Burks 2, Harrison 9, Prince 5, Thomas 4, Henderson 3, Marek 2, Caldwell 9.

(JV Boys)

The Elba Tigers fell behind big early and saw a late rally fall far short in a 49-29 loss to the Arifton Purple Cats, Thursday in Arifton.

The Tigers trailed only 12-5 after one quarter, but saw the Purple Cats stretch their lead to 40-14 by the end of the third quarter as Arifton claimed the lopsided 49-29 win.

Malachi Washington scored 8 points to lead Elba, while Paxton Steed scored 18 points and Lawson Leger added 14 for the Purple Cats.

Arifton (49): Steed 18, Leger 14, Smith 1, Harrell 9, McNabb 5, Gilbert 2.

Elba (29): Washington 8, Gray 6, Purvis 6, Moseley 5, Sieving 2, Gomez 2.



Elba Tiger cheerleader Aimee Senn had plenty to cheer aboutcheer about Friday night as the Tigers knocked off cross-county rival Kinston.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Upcoming Elba Recreation Youth Basketball Games

12U Girls Basketball
Saturday, Jan. 23
Elba vs. New Brockton
10 a.m. at ESCC gym

10U Boys Basketball
Thursday, Jan. 21
Elba vs. Kinston
6 p.m. at Elba High gym
Saturday, Jan. 23
Elba vs. New Brockton
11 a.m. at ESCC gym

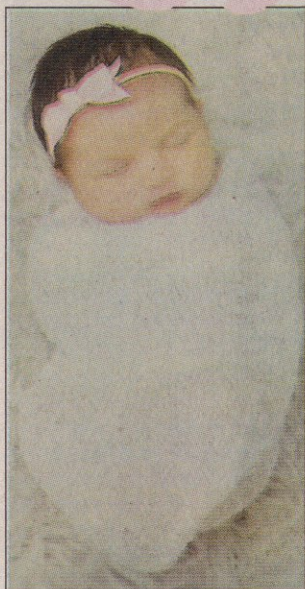
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LIFESTYLES

Meet Emmalyn



Kit and Melissa Johnson of Elba, Alabama announce the birth of their daughter, **Emmalyn Blaire Johnson**, on Dec. 4, 2020 at 7:26 a.m. She weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 1/4 inches long. Emmalyn was welcomed home by her big sister, Elizabeth, age 2.

DAV Chapter 99 to meet Jan. 28th

The January 2021 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99 will be Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021 at 6 p.m., at the New Brockton Senior Center building.

All military, military veteran, and local residents are invited.

For information on these upcoming meetings or more information about DAV, contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

Lynsey Manning named to J.S.U. Fall Honor's List

Nearly 30 percent of Jacksonville State University's undergraduates made the Honor's List for their outstanding academic performance during the Fall 2020 semester, despite the struggles of studying during a global pandemic.

Lynsey Manning of Elba was named to the President's List, where she is majoring in Family and Consumer Sciences. To be named to the President's List, a student must earn a perfect 4.0 GPA while attending full-time.

JSU kicked off the Spring 2021 semester on Jan. 12.

Forever Wild board of trustees set to meet Feb. 4th in Montgomery

The Board of Trustees of the Alabama Forever Wild Land Trust will hold its first quarterly meeting of 2021 on Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Alabama Activities Center located at 201 Dexter Avenue in Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting will take place at 10 a.m.

To help prevent the potential spread of COVID-19, attendees are encouraged to maintain a constant distance of 6 feet from others and must wear a mask during the meeting.

Southeast Gas recently announced its 2021 Give Back to Schools contribution of almost \$109,000 to 20 public school systems in Alabama.

Coffee County Schools received \$1,760 this year, and Elba City Schools received \$1,570.

The Give Back to Schools initiative was established by Southeast Gas and its Board of Directors in 2010, and provides dollars to public schools based solely on their natural gas usage for the previous year. So, the more natural gas a school system uses, the more dollars that system will receive.

Board members work alongside superintendents in each school system to determine the best way for funds to be allocated.

"This year more than any other, we want to support our public schools, and provide encouragement to our local educators and students,"

said Southeast Gas board chair and Greenville Mayor Dexter McLendon. "Southeast Gas has provided more than \$1.5 million to public schools since 2010 when we started this program, and most of the time these funds are not designated for a particular use, so schools have flexibility about how the dollars are spent."

Local schools are a critical component to community success.

"The COVID pandemic has had a devastating impact on our communities, and particularly on our public schools," said Southeast Gas president and CEO Greg Henderson. "We see the Give Back to Schools initiative as a small way we can provide financial support and encouragement to the education heroes who are continuing to teach and build our future."

Southeast Gas also sponsors the Southeast Gas Community Service Scholarship, a competitive



Elba City Schools received \$1,570 this year. Pictured above (l to r): Elba City Schools Superintendent Chris Moseley, Elba City Councilman and Southeast Gas Board member Gappa Wise, and Southeast Gas Marketing and Communications Coordinator Mitch Thorn.

scholarship program for high school seniors attending public schools currently served by Southeast Gas. The scholarships are \$1,500, and multiple scholarships are awarded each year. New Brockton High School student Mary Smith and Elba High School student Levi Carnley were among the 22 recipients of the 2020 Community Service Scholarship.

Applications for the 2021 scholarship are available on-line at the company's website (southeastgas.com) and are due by March 12, 2021. Scholarship recipients are announced April 9 and recognized at a luncheon hosted by Southeast Gas on April 22.

School systems impacted by the Southeast Gas Give Back to Schools initiative are: Andalusia City Schools, Butler County Schools, Coffee County Schools, Covington County Schools, Crenshaw County Schools, Dale County Schools, Daleville City

Schools, Dothan City Schools, Elba City Schools, Enterprise City Schools, Eufaula City Schools, Henry County Schools, Houston County Schools, Lowndes County Schools, Opp City Schools, Ozark City Schools, Pike County Schools, Pike Road Schools, Russell County Schools and Troy City Schools.

In addition to the direct financial support Southeast Gas provides to these schools, Southeast Gas employees volunteer dozens of hours each year to improve many of the campuses through construction assistance, landscaping, painting, gas appliance maintenance, light carpentry, tutoring, mentoring and many other activities.

Southeast Gas provides natural gas service to 35 communities throughout Southeast Alabama, and is owned by 14 cities - Abbeville, Andalusia, Brundidge, Dothan, Elba, Enterprise, Eufaula, Fort Deposit, Greenville, Headland, Lurverne, Opp, Ozark and Troy.



Coffee County Schools received \$1,760 this year. Pictured above (l to r): Southeast Gas Director of Marketing and Communications Shannon Jackson, Coffee County Schools Superintendent Kevin Killingsworth, Elba City Councilman and Southeast Gas Board member Gappa Wise, and Southeast Gas Marketing and Communications Coordinator Mitch Thorn.



ELBA MASONS WELCOME BROTHERS... On Friday, Jan. 15, members of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 welcomed guest Brothers from around the Wiregrass. During this gathering, the Elba Lodge initiated its newest Brother into Lodge - Thomas Anthony Thomaston (Andy) was initiated as an Entered Apprentice.

Hernandez-Morales wedding held Sunday, January 10, in Ozark, Ala.

On Sunday, January 10, 2021 the marriage ceremony of Angeles Hernandez and Juan Morales was held at the First United Methodist Church in Ozark, Alabama. The ceremony was officiated by Pastor Dr. Jason Thrower. The newly wed couple are living in Daleville.

The couple's relatives reside in Puerto Rico.



Mr. and Mrs. Juan Morales with Dr. Jason Thrower, officiant of the wedding ceremony.

SE Public Health District cancels COVID testing clinics for January

Due to limited staffing, the Southeastern Public Health District has cancelled all COVID-19 testing clinics scheduled for the remainder of January in Coffee and Houston counties.

A re-evaluation of when to reschedule the drive-up clinics will be made Wednesday, January 27.

The Alabama Department of Public Health advises the following measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

• Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds

• Social distance by staying 6 feet away from others

• Avoid people who are sick

• Stay home if you can; work remotely if possible

• Cover your mouth and nose with a face covering when around others

• Cover coughs and sneezes

• Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces

• Monitor your health

For more information, please contact the Southeastern Public Health District at (334) 792-9070 or visit alabamapublichealth.gov.

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